

## POSITION STATEMENT

1. There is evidence that increasingly serious human-quality problems may be occurring in the Cumberland Plateau of Appalachia.

2. There is an urgent need for objective studies to determine if such problems - including dysgenics - do indeed exist.

3. If studies reveal the reality of human-quality problems, the findings will constitute a base of facts for sound ameliorative policies and programs at all levels of government.

4. Research techniques for the needed objective studies now exist.

5. The actual cost of the studies would be reasonable. The potential pay-off of the studies, in terms of reducing human misery and providing benefits to mankind, would be enormous.

6. An inter-disciplinary team of individuals with varied professional skills, headed by Dr. William Shockley, is interested in conducting human-quality investigations in the Cumberland Plateau region.

7. This team is now in the process of preparing research project proposals for submission to appropriate funding sources, and after funding, will implement, conduct and report upon projects.